

FIRST CLASH WITH VILLA BANDITS

COLONEL DODD AND FOUR HUNDRED TROOPERS ROUT VILLA.

VILLA WOUNDED, 31 KILLED

Col. Dodd's Men Rode All Night and Took Bandits by Surprise.—Think Chase Near End.

El Paso, Texas.—Four hundred American cavalrymen under the command of Col. George A. Dodd, galloping down from the granite slopes of the great continental divide, have fallen on the main body of Francisco Villa's bandits at the San Geronimo ranch, scattering them in many directions and driving the bandit chief, wounded and crippled to seek a hiding place in the mountains. Villa was hurried from danger in a carriage. The battle opened at 6 o'clock in the morning of March 29 and continued for several hours.

The news of the exploit was flashed into Juarez and sent a thrill along the border. For 17 hours the veteran Colonel with his picked troops of the Seventh and Tenth Cavalry, drove down the valley of the Santa Maria river. At the end of the 55-mile ride they fell upon the unsuspecting Villa camp where 500 bandits were celebrating the massacre of 172 Carranza soldiers two days previously at Guerrero.

Villa, shot through the leg and with one hip shattered, was hurried from the scene barely in time to escape the onslaught of the Americans. The bandits made a brief but hopeless stand before a charge of Colonel Dodd and his troops.

Then they broke and fled leaving 31 dead on the field including their commander General Eliso Hernandez. Two machine guns, a number of horses, rifles, ammunition, and equipment fell into the hands of the Americans. Among the known wounded is Pablo Lopez, Villa's lieutenant in the Columbus raid. The American casualties were four privates wounded.

The American soldiers did not linger on the field of victory. For five hours they drove the enemy before them into the wilderness of mountain peak, desert and canyon, where roads or even trails are unknown and where a mis-step means death to horse and rider. They halted only after the chase had led them 10 miles and the fugitives were scattered into little bands of half a dozen men each.

Villa's career has ended; his power has been broken. His death or capture is only a question of days, perhaps only hours. Such is the inevitable conclusion reached here as little by little the details of "Dodd's raid" reach the border. It seems impossible that the crippled bandit can long remain hidden, even in the mountainous wastes in which he has sought refuge.

GERMANS SHIFT TO EAST.

Succeeded in Entering French Line of Trenches—Driven Out.

London.—Having captured the village of Manancourt, the Germans now have shifted their offensive eastward to the sector around the famous Le Mort Homme. With heavy forces the Teutons have attacked the French line between Hill 295 and Le Mort Homme and succeeded in entering French first line trenches. A vigorous counter-attack by the French, however, almost immediately expelled the invaders and another attack by the Teutons delivered a little later is declared by Paris to have been put down completely.

The Germans have made no attempt to debouch from Manancourt since their occupation of the village.

Grand Jury Indicts Waite.

New York.—The grand jury returned an indictment charging murder in the first degree against Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, accusing him of poisoning his father-in-law, John E. Peck, millionaire drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Plot to Rescue Schiller.

Lewes, Del.—Fearing that attempts would be made to rescue Ernest Schiller, the young German stowaway who single-handedly captured the British steamer Matoppo and terrorized her crew of 56 men on the high seas, detectives took Schiller from his cell in the town jail and hurried him by automobile to Harrington from where he will be taken by train to New York. The detectives declared that they had received positive information that attempts would be made to rescue the prisoner.

Ex-Governor Smith of S. C. Dead.

Baltimore.—Former Governor Chas. A. Smith of South Carolina, died at the John Hopkins Hospital after a long illness, erysipelas developing after many months. Suffering from heart trouble was the direct cause of death. Mr. Smith had been at the hospital two months. He was about 56 years old. The former governor's home was in Timmonsville, S. C. He was president of a Timmonsville bank and was prominently known in Baptist educational circles.

AIRSHIPS RAID ENGLISH COASTS

TEUTONIC AIR FLEETS KILL SIX TEEN AND INJURED ONE HUNDRED.

BOMBS WREAK DESTRUCTION

Spread Out on Scottish and Northern and Southern Coasts of England and Play Havoc.

London.—The coast of Scotland and the northern and southeastern counties of England were attacked by Zeppelins Sunday night, according to an official announcement by the secretary of war.

The announcement says: "A Zeppelin raid took place Sunday night when the coast of Scotland and the northern and southeastern counties of England were attacked."

London.—At least 16 persons were killed and about 100 others injured by the explosion of bombs dropped in another raid of Zeppelin dirigible balloons over the northeast coast of England Saturday night.

The official version of the raid says: "Two airships approached the northeast coast Saturday night. Only one crossed the coast. The other turned back."

"For the present we know that 16 persons were killed and about 100 injured."

"Eight dwelling houses were demolished and a serious fire was caused in a French polishing shop."

SEARCH MOUNTAINS FOR VILLA.

Nothing Has Been Heard of His Operations Since Battle.

San Antonio, Texas.—Unless Francisco Villa is definitely located within the next day or two, it is believed here that General Pershing will begin a search of the mountains west and south of Guerrero. Since the defeat of Villa's forces March 29 in and near Guerrero, lightly equipped detachments of cavalry have been sweeping in a whirling fashion through the district about head waters of the Santa Maria River trying to locate the elusive bandit, reported to have gone in that direction after being desperately wounded.

General Pershing did not get a report through to General Euston during the day, but his chief of staff did, indicating that the line of communication was maintained. No mention of news of Villa was made. There is increasing belief that General Pershing may have been deceived as to the direction taken by Villa and even concerning his injuries.

Garard Will Stick Through War.

Berlin, via London.—James W. Garard, the American ambassador, has issued a statement through the Wolff Bureau regarding the report telegraphed here from the United States that he intends to resign, return to America and become a candidate for governor of New York. The statement says: "The ambassador regards it his duty not to leave the important post at Berlin during the war, especially as any possible successor would not easily work into the difficult and often complicated matter of British interests entrusted, such as those of civil and military prisoners. He hopes to remain in Berlin at least until the end of the great war."

Germans Take Thousand Yards.

Berlin, via London.—The Germans' official statement announces that Teuton troops have cleared 1,000 yards of French trenches northeast of Harcourt in addition to the positions taken March 30.

Enraged Mob Storms Jail.

Petersburg, Va.—A mob of 1,000 people, made largely of enraged citizens from Nottoway and Dinwiddie counties, surrounded the Petersburg jail in which is confined John Williams, a negro, who was arrested for an alleged criminal assault on a young woman, 19, at her home near Blackstone.

Asks Wilson to Demand Reparation.

Paris.—Prof. James Mark Baldwin of Baltimore whose daughter was seriously injured in the explosion of the cross channel steamer Sussex, gave out a copy of a cablegram despatched to President Wilson.

U. S. Marines Land in China.

Peking.—Marines from the United States gunboat Wilmington went ashore at Swatow, where the Chinese troops have declared their independence of the central government. The detachment reconnoitered and found city quiet. A Chinese gunboat also is anchored off Swatow, which is a seaport of Kwang Tung province, 120 miles south of Amoy. Chang Chou Fu, a city of about 900,000 inhabitants, and one of the largest in China, has declared its independence of the government of Yuan Shi Kai.

ASKS GOVERNOR TO CONVENE ASSEMBLY

McLAURIN SAYS TIME HAS COME FOR EXTRA SESSION TO PROVIDE INSURANCE.

DISPATCHES FROM COLUMBIA

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of South Carolina People, Gathered Around the State Capitol.

Columbia.

"I am convinced that the situation has reached a point where it is necessary that you call the legislature together to provide for state insurance," says John L. McLaurin, state warehouse commissioner, in a long official communication which he addressed to Governor Manning.

Gov. Manning said that at present he had nothing to say for publication in regard to McLaurin's letter.

Other developments in the situation arising out of the enactment and approval of the Laney-Odom measure relative to fire insurance were as follows:

Committeemen representing trade bodies met in Columbia and decided to engage counsel and bring an action in the original jurisdiction of the supreme court to test the constitutionality of the Laney-Odom act.

A farmers' mutual fire insurance company, to operate in Clarendon, Lee and Sumter counties, was chartered; this being the third such enterprise launched since the approval of the Laney-Odom act.

Commissioner McLaurin furnished to the press copies of his extensive letter to Gov. Manning.

Will Test Laney-Odom Act.

Commercial bodies of South Carolina have decided to employ attorneys to test the constitutionality of the Laney-Odom anti-compact law in the original jurisdiction of the supreme court. All agencies, it is thought, will use their efforts in bringing the case to the supreme court in the near future so that the situation caused by the withdrawal of practically all the fire insurance companies from the state will be clarified.

This decision was reached by the committee in a session which commenced at noon and was continued in the afternoon. Fitz Hugh McMaster, insurance commissioner, and James A. Cathart, president of the South Carolina Fire Underwriters' Association, appeared before the committee at its request. All members of the committee were present. They are: William M. Otis of Columbia, chairman; Rawley W. Holcombe of Charleston; Secretary H. P. McLeod of Charleston; E. E. Child of Whitman. The meeting was held in the rooms of the chamber of commerce.

Through the assistance of members of the committee, Mr. Otis will appoint county chairmen, who will be delegated with authority to call mass meetings of business men, farmers, insurance agents and legislative delegations. Should the law be found constitutional, it is pointed out that further steps by the commercial interests of the state will be available through the concerted action of these county agencies.

Ward for Tubercular Women.

Members of the state board of health, meeting in Columbia, awarded a contract for constructing a ward for women at the state tuberculosis camp near State Park to the Taylor-Waters Construction Company of Columbia. The contract price is \$4,500.

The bids for the construction of the new unit have been opened and work is to begin as soon as possible. A fund of \$5,000 was appropriated by the last general assembly to add an additional ward at the state camp. The ward for men has been in use for a year.

The new ward, which will be constructed of brick and wood, will accommodate 20 patients and will be provided with every modern convenience.

Manning Approves Textile Acts.

Gov. Manning approved two acts of importance to the textile industry in South Carolina.

One of the acts provides for a weekly pay roll in all textile concerns and the other is the 60 hours a week law. The fine for violation of the weekly pay act is not less than \$100 nor more than \$200. This act will go into effect July 1.

It was brought out at the hearing before the governor that the weekly pay act will affect about 50 per cent of the textile plant in the state.

Gymnasium Almost Completed.

The gymnasium which will cost about \$60,000 is almost completed and it will be one of the finest in the South," said P. W. McLaurin, who returned to Columbia after attending a meeting of the board of trustees of Winthrop College at Rock Hill. He said only routine matters were considered. Mr. McLaurin said the faculty was expecting a large attendance for the summer school for teachers. "Rock Hill is making great preparations for the meeting of the veterans' next month," said Mr. McLaurin.

County Prisoners Are Inspected.

The secretary and the assistant secretary of the state board of charities and corrections since August 4, 1915, have visited every county penal and charitable institution in South Carolina except about 12 chaingangs. Reports on these inspections have been made to the board and, except in the counties visited very recently, detailed accounts of the findings and recommendations of the agents of the board have been sent to the officials who have these institutions in charge and to other interested persons.

Having gotten for the board of charities and corrections a firsthand view of the administration, physical equipment and method of treating prisoners, convicts and paupers in practically every county institution in the state that cares for these classes, the secretary of the board and his assistant will undertake the important work of fixing standards for these institutions and getting them introduced through the co-operation of county officials who are in charge of them. In fixing the standards for county penal and charitable institutions, the agents of the board will be governed by the standards in force in other states in county jails, almshouses and chaingangs, and by what they have seen in the best of these institutions in South Carolina.

During the coming months the agents of the board will undertake a systematic study of the cost of maintaining penal and charitable institutions in counties in different parts of the state. Whether or not the county chaingang system of road building is excessively expensive has been a widely discussed question in the state of late. It is expected that the investigations of the agents of the board will help materially in deciding this matter.

Need Repairs at Cedar Springs.

Mandamus proceedings will be brought in the supreme court to force the comptroller to repair a fund of \$10,000 for repairs at the Cedar Springs institute for the deaf, dumb and blind. An error in the general appropriation bill caused the attorney general to rule that the comptroller had no right to pay out the fund without a court order. Solicitor Hill of Spartanburg will represent the school at the hearing. The comptroller general will be represented by the attorney general. The petition for the writ of mandamus will be filed with the court early next week.

Want Home for Feeble-Minded.

Lecturing to the Associated Charities on "The Problem of Feeble-mindedness," Albert S. Johnstone, secretary of the state board of charities and corrections, said that the board was trying to make the public realize that the problem of protecting the mentally deficient existed, that it had undertaken to catalogue as many of the white mentally deficient as possible, and that it intended to lay before the next general assembly the facts it had gathered with a view to having the state establish an institution in which feeble-minded white people could be cared for permanently.

Dispensary Stocks Are Sold.

L. L. Bultman, former state dispensary auditor, said that practically all of the surplus stocks held by the late county dispensary systems had been disposed of by the county boards. The average price was about 50 per cent of the real value.

Death Rate High, Birth Rate Low.

Not only is the annual death rate for negroes in South Carolina larger than for white people but the annual birth rate is smaller, according to figures compiled by the bureau of vital statistics. The death rates, based on returns for 1915, are: For whites, 12.6; for negroes, 17.4. The birth rates are: For whites, 23.1; for negroes, 26.7. One hundred and thirty-nine homicides were recorded.

Of the 24,501 deaths occurring last year in South Carolina, making an annual death rate per 1,000 population of 15.2, 9,141 were white people, 15,350 were negroes and 10 were Indians. There were 44,950 births, distributed as follows: White males, 11,015; white females, 10,127; negro males, 12,110; negro females, 11,512; Indian males, 2; Indian females, 154. The annual birth rate for the state is 28.

New Enterprises Are Authorized.

H. A. Taylor, Inc. of Columbia has been commissioned with a capital of \$10,000. The petitioners are H. A. Taylor and Emma D. Taylor. The Consolidated Garage of Charleston has been commissioned with a capital of \$10,000. The petitioners are Hugo Jahns and E. A. Jahns, Jr. The Summerton Drug Company has been commissioned with a capital of \$2,000. The petitioners are C. V. DuBose and L. W. Carrigan.

A charter has been issued to the Good Hope Realty Corporation of Charleston with a capital of \$25,000. The officers are: J. J. Murray, president, and Walter B. Wilbur, secretary and treasurer.

The Pastime Amusement Company of Lake City Has Been Commissioned.

The Pastime Amusement Company of Lake City has been commissioned, with a capital of \$2,000. The petitioners are: A. Weaver, J. P. Matthews, C. T. Hamer and J. M. Truluck. The Rydeman Company of Spartanburg has been chartered with a capital of \$3,000. The officers are: J. F. Robertson, president and treasurer, and J. R. Robertson, Jr., secretary. The secretary of state has issued a commission to the Commercial Bank of Estill, with a capital of \$25,000. The petitioners are: S. M. Clarke, M. H. O'Neal, E. H. Wyman and W. E. Peoples.

CATTLE SALES PROVE SUCCESS

PROMOTERS ARE HIGHLY PLEASED WITH MARKETING OF CATTLE.

MANY BUYERS ARE PRESENT

Representatives of Well Known Concerns Make Good Bids—Railroads Play Important Part.

Rock Hill.—Rock Hill's first cattle sale was a success. This was the opinion expressed by State Agent W. W. Long and his assistants and by a number of the buyers here for the sale. It guarantees that Rock Hill will have an annual cattle sale, said Mr. Long.

Between 250 and 300 head of cattle were sold, the price per pound ranging from 5 to 7 3/4 cents. The average weight of the cattle was around 800 pounds. The sale netted the owners of the cattle something over \$16,000.

The cattle yards, in the fair grounds, were the scene of great activity throughout the entire morning. A score of buyers were here to make bids, while a number of railroad officials were present. Hundreds of people from all parts of this and adjoining counties were here for the sale and much interest was taken. Mr. Long is of the opinion that the next cattle sale held here will see more than 500 head of cattle offered, if not a thousand.

The sale was conducted under the direction of the local chamber of commerce and the extension division of Clemson College, co-operating with the United States department of agriculture. In active charge of the sale was E. Driver of E. Driver & Co., commission merchants of Baltimore, who handled its end to perfection.

Among the buyers here for the sale were George Morris, head buyer for D. B. Martin & Co., Baltimore; Charles McDonald, head buyer for Swift & Co., New York; L. B. Lyman, New York; and New York Butchers Dressing Meat company, represented by L. B. Lyman; David Regan, representing Sulzberger & Sons Co., New York; Belsford Packing company, Harrisburg, Pa.; Mr. Welckens, representing Welckens-Staats & Co., Wilmington, Del.; G. H. Shamberger, representing J. Shamberger & Sons, Jersey City stock yards, N. J.; Mr. Dayvatt, representing Dayvatt & Guffy, Concord, N. C.; W. R. Sanders, representing Carson Live Stock company, Richmond, Va.

Another Mutual Company.

Columbia.—Farmers Mutual Protection association of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties, South Carolina, has been commissioned by the secretary of state to do a general fire insurance business. This is the third mutual fire insurance company to be organized since the anti-compact law went into effect.

The petitioners of the company are: J. C. Strauss of Sumter, H. C. Haynsworth of Sumter, E. W. Dabbs of Mayesville, Robert M. Cooper of Wicks, Neil O'Donnell of Sumter, A. C. Phelps of Sumter, J. M. Kolb of Sumter, G. A. Lemmon of Sumter, W. L. Sanders of Sumter and C. J. Jackson of Toratto.

F. H. McMaster, insurance commissioner, said that 15 mutual fire insurance companies were already in operation in the state. Four of these mutuals are located in Charleston. The total amount of insurance carried is about \$17,000,000. The first mutual fire insurance company in South Carolina was organized in Chester county in 1891 under an act of the legislature. W. B. Dove, now assistant to the secretary of state, was one of the promoters.

Chester Gains Population.

Chester.—Chester county's total of births and deaths last year was as follows: Births, 824; deaths, 482, the birth rate 28.2 per cent and the death rate 16.1 per cent.

Place Stock For Packing House.

Orangeburg.—The special committee that is working to place the stock of the Orangeburg packing house among the largest number of people reports that it has placed all the stock except about \$10,000, which will be sold to farmers in Orangeburg county. When the matter of a packing house was brought to the attention of the business men of Orangeburg in an amazingly short time \$50,000 worth of stock was subscribed and guaranteed. After details have been arranged erection will begin.

Coal For South America.

Spartanburg.—The development of the coal traffic through the port of Charleston is indicated by the announcement that the Clinchfield Fuel company is to load at Charleston within the next few days an 8,000 ton steamer for a South American port. Many cargoes have been shipped to Cuba and to Gulf ports through the South Carolina port since the coal piers were erected a few months ago, but the present announcement is the first of coal going to a South American country.

MISS VIRGINIA SAUNDERS



Miss Saunders is state sponsor South Carolina Division U. C. V. who held their annual reunion in Rock Hill this year.

STATE SHOWS BIG GAIN

Makes Considerable Advance in Manufactures and Also Shows An Increase of Capital.

Washington.—A gain of almost \$30,000,000 or 17 per cent of capital invested in the state in 1914 over 1909 indicated by figures of the United States census bureau made public here when statistics for South Carolina were shown.

The population of South Carolina at the census of 1910 was 1,615,400 and it is estimated that it was 1,590,000 on July 1, 1914.

The summary shows that considerable increase at the census of 1914, as compared with that for 1909. In the order of their importance, from a percentage standpoint, the increases for the several items rank as follows: Materials, 37.2 per cent; primary horsepower, 23.1 per cent; value of products, 22.7 per cent; salaried employees, 21.7 per cent.

The capital invested, as reported in 1914, was \$203,211,000, a gain of \$29,990,000, or 17.3 per cent, over \$173,331,000 in 1909.

Plan Big Event at Spartanburg.

Spartanburg.—Prospects are very bright for the 22nd annual Spartanburg music festival, which will be held May 17, 18, 19. Announcement is made that Walter Damrosch, dean of American conductors, and the New York Symphony society orchestra, which ranks second to none in the world, have been secured for their eighth engagement in the premier musical event in the Southern States. Some of the most noted stars on the operatic and concert stages have been engaged to sing. The Converse College Chorus and the children's chorus are larger than ever before, the latter 200 voices, 550 in all.

The roster of artists as announced by Edmon Morris, dean of the school of music of Converse College and director of the festival, follows: Miss Tilly Koenen, contralto; Miss Laura Colms, soprano; Miss Anna Case, contralto; Mrs. Merle Tillotson, Alcock, contralto; John Campbell, tenor; Theodore Harrison, baritone; Robert Maitland, bass.

Face Losses Bravely.

Lexington.—Facing a fire loss estimated at \$100,000 or more, Lexington began to look to the future of the town. The burned district, it is believed, will be rebuilt and Lexington people are hopeful that the new structures will be better than those which the flames swept away. The loss is entirely a matter of estimates so far, and it cannot be accurately placed until there is a final checking up. It is believed that the insurance will amount to about 40 per cent.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS.

Congressman Byrnes has announced two successful candidates for Annapolis—Murray Smith and C. B. Johnson, both of Williston—as the result of recent examinations held in Aiken.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will hold its state convention in Spartanburg May 17, 18, 19, at the time of the Spartanburg music festival.

Three fires have occurred at Thornwell orphanage within the past two weeks.

The jury in the case of Miss Louise Lowe vs. L. T. Lester, Jr., Tom Wright et al. at Spartanburg, a suit for an automobile which Miss Lowe claimed she won as a contestant, rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

Congress has passed a bill authorizing the naval militia of South Carolina to use the government immigration station, which was erected at Charleston four years ago and which has never been occupied since its completion.

The state fremen will meet in Orangeburg June 20, 21 and 22.

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FIELD DAY

Friday, April 14th, 1916, Beginning at 10:30 O'clock.

Following the plan of last year, the county is divided into the following groups for the purpose of selecting representatives to take part in the Declaration contests; also for the athletic contests.

Pinewood group, consisting of Pinewood, Paxville, Big Branch, Home Branch, Silver, Grange Hall and Pineland schools.

Summerton group, consisting of Summerton, Davis Station, Oak Grove, Cross Roads, Panola and Jordan schools.

Sardinia group, consisting of Sardinia, Enterprise, Harmony, Oakdale, New Zion, (consolidated) Barrow, and New Harmony Schools.

Turbeville group, consisting of Turbeville, Coker, Gamble, Hicks, McFaddin, Barrineau, and Sunny Side schools.

Manning group, consisting of Manning, Acolu, Trinity, Harvin, Foreston, Wilson, Baywood, Thigpen, Mission, Green Savana, Deep Creek, Bear Creek, and Line schools.

Each school is entitled to send a boy and a girl representative for each classification to the group contest event.

Each school group is entitled to select from those contestants two representatives, a boy and a girl, for each classification to take part in the Declaration contests at the General Field Day occasion.

The teachers of the schools in the respective groups are expected to confer and arrange a date before the general field day to "try out" their representatives, and thus select one boy and one girl for each of the following divisions:

- Class A—Boys and girls under 12 years of age.
- Class B—Boys and girls from 12 to 15 years of age.
- Class C—Boys and girls from 15 to 18 years of age.

In order for the schools not to lose time from the regular school work, it is suggested that a Saturday be used as a "try out" event.

The various school groups may provide prizes for the winners if they so decide.

The winners at the General Field Day will be given appropriate prizes, some of which will consist of gold medals.

It will be seen that the plan this year causes boys to compete with boys, and girls with girls.

ATHLETICS.

The athletic sports will take place immediately after the dinner hour, and will consist, for the Boys, of Running High Jump, Running Broad Jump, Standing Broad Jump, and racing contests, 50, 75, and 100 yards, according to age as per the declaration contests.

For Girls there will be racing contests, and such other features as the committee may determine at the time. Prizes to be awarded the winners.

LITERARY FEATURES.

Written examinations will be held at Manning on Saturday, April 8th, in which each school at large in the county will be entitled to one representative for each feature. Examination to be given at eleven o'clock, and close at one o'clock. No pupil permitted to take more than one examination. No one permitted to enter after 12 o'clock.

Spelling, 5th and 6th grades, 50 words from Hunt's Speller, Book 2.